

CALIFORNIA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Hearing Date: November 15, 2004

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations: Advanced Practice – Post Professional Education and Training.

Section Affected: 4154

SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF EACH ADOPTION:

Existing law requires occupational therapists to complete post professional education and supervised on-the-job training in order to provide treatment to clients in an advanced practice area. The proposed regulatory action is needed to implement, interpret, and make specific the supervision requirements for occupational therapists in the process of completing on-the-job training.

Section 4154: Subsection (c) states that supervision during post professional training shall be consistent with Board regulations in effect at the time of supervision. This proposed amendment sets forth the supervision requirements.

FACTUAL BASIS/RATIONALE

SB 1402 (Murray, Chapter 823, Statutes of 2002) took effect January 1, 2003, identifying hand therapy, the use of physical agent modalities and swallowing assessment, evaluation and intervention as areas of “advanced practice.” It also established that an occupational therapist must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that they are competent to provide such services, by completing post professional education and training.

On March 9, 2004, regulations implementing the legislation were adopted specifying that supervision of post professional training should be consistent with other supervision requirements adopted by the Board. However, other supervision requirements have not yet been adopted. Therefore, this proposed regulation would identify the supervision parameters for occupational therapists completing the experience requirements for advanced practice certification.

UNDERLYING DATA

None.

BUSINESS IMPACT

This regulation will not have a significant adverse economic interest on businesses.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGIES OR EQUIPMENT

This regulation does not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

No reasonable alternatives in the regulation would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation.